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Elba woman arrested on arson charge following Saturday house fire

A residential fire Saturday, Sept. 23, in Elba resulted in one person being arrested on arson.

Interim Police Chief Shayne Arnett said one suspect was arrested in connection to a house fire at a residence on North Claxton Avenue last Saturday.

The fire occurred during the 4 p.m. hour with the Elba Volunteer Fire Department responding along with mutual aid from

the New Brockton and Opp fire departments.

Claxton Avenue traffic in the area of Saturday's fire was re-routed as firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze. Also responding to the scene were units from



Alice Edwards

Enterprise Rescue.

Following an investigation by Elba Police, Alice Edwards, age 53, of Elba was arrested and charged with arson – first degree. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail Saturday evening at 6:35 p.m.

Edwards' bond was set at \$75,000 for the arson charge. As of press time this week, she remained in the Coffee County Jail.



Firefighters are pictured above cooling off Saturday evening after extinguishing a fire at this Claxton Avenue home. The photo to the right shows what is left of a bed mattress, which is reportedly where the house fire began when allegedly a match was thrown on the bed.



Elba Police make drug arrests involving controlled substances

Elba Police made a couple of arrests recently for controlled substance crimes.

Thursday afternoon, Sept. 21, Margie Lawson, age 54, of Andalusia, Ala., was arrested by Elba officers. She was charged with distribution of a controlled substance.

Lawson was placed in the Coffee County Jail at 4:16 p.m. last Thursday, and her bond was set at \$30,000 for the charge.

As of press time this week, she remained



Lawson

in the county jail.

Monday afternoon, Sept. 25, Elba Police officers arrested Steven Johnson, age 37, of Elba on a possession of controlled substance charge. He also was charged with public intoxication.

Johnson was booked into the county jail at 2:45 p.m. Monday afternoon where he remained as of press time this week awaiting his initial appearance before the judge for bond to be set.



Johnson



Local emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle wreck last Saturday, Sept. 23, at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community. This accident sent two people to the hospital with one being air-lifted from the scene. Both injuries were to people inside the overturned SUV pictured above, which had a Tennessee tag on the vehicle.

During special called meeting

Elba BOE affirms new board member and approves high school assistant principal hire

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday morning, Sept. 26, for a special called meeting during which a new school board member was affirmed, and a new assistant principal was approved for hire.

During a recent Elba City Council meeting, Debra Clark was appointed to serve the remainder of the school board term vacated by Greg Sowell. Tuesday morning, Clark was affirmed by the school board to her seat.

Following the affirmation, Superintendent Chris Moseley officially welcomed Clark on board as a member of the Elba City School Board.

Also, during the meeting, board members unanimously approved a recommendation to hire Marty Balkcom as the new assistant principal at Elba High School. While he will be housed at the high school, Balkcom will also assist at the elementary school throughout each week in his role as assistant principal.

Moseley said both high school principal Dr. Warren Weeks and elemen-



Debra Clark is the newest board member for the Elba City Schools Board of Education.

tary school principal Kenya Martin had been involved in the interviews for the assistant principal spot, and they each confirmed Balkcom as their recommendation during Tuesday morning's board meeting.

Moseley said Balkcom is currently a special education lead teacher in Crenshaw County with about 21 years of experience. A few years ago, he received his administration degree and wants to put it to use.

Moseley said as far as he knows, Balkcom would be able to begin work at Elba next Monday, Oct. 2nd.

Coffee County's 911 Central Dispatch Center begins operations in New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County E911 chairman/director Dean Blair called Monday, Sept. 25, a history-making day for the county as the new centralized dispatch center for first-responders opened in New Brockton.

The centralized dispatch center will cover first responder dispatching for all of Coffee County with the exception of anything within the police jurisdiction of the City of Enterprise. That city, the county's largest, has its own dispatch service.

"Today we make history in Coffee County...all of us have come together to make this happen," Blair said. "This process has definitely been a team effort, and the new centralized dispatch is just going to allow our citizens to have better services."

Blair said the new dispatch center will employ an operations manager, shift supervisors, and dispatchers. He said there would be at least two dispatchers and a supervisor on duty at all times, but there is availability of up to four dispatchers to be working at once in times of emergency. "Through this new center,



This is one of the four dispatch consoles set up and ready to go Monday morning at the new Coffee County 911 Central Dispatch Center in New Brockton. The center went live Monday afternoon, Sept. 25th.

we also are going to be able to do some things we haven't been able to do in the past as far as training for our dispatchers," Blair said. "We want our people to be at the top of what they do to better serve the people of this county."

Blair said he could not thank the 911 board of Coffee County enough for everything it has done to make the new centralized dispatch center a reality. He said that board had incurred a tremendous amount of

cost to make it all happen.

Also, he thanked others within the county from the county administrator to the technology team for jumping in and working hard to get everything up and running.

"This center is going to be a tremendous benefit for all," Blair said. "We have first responders all over this county that are impacted by what we've been able to do here by all working together."

Blair said moving to a

centralized dispatch center had been a dream of his, especially the past couple of years. He said he looks forward to the benefits it will bring to the citizens of Coffee County.

"We are servants," Blair said. "I always want to look at how we can better serve our citizens. I give you my word that we will continue to provide the citizens with the best possible services and will always strive to make them better."

Coffee County administrator Rod Morgan also said Monday was a great day for the county with the dispatch services going live from the central dispatch center. He said the county had tremendous partners in the county's E911 and EMA organizations, and he said he wanted to publicly thank the people from those departments for all the tireless work they had put into this project to make it become a reality.

"This is going to be a service we are absolutely proud of in this county," Morgan said. "I am excited for this opportunity for our county."

Downtown Elba business owner addresses Elba City Council about parking in front of businesses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council listened to concerns from a business owner Monday evening, Sept. 25, during the regular bimonthly council meeting.

Chris Foley addressed the council regarding an ongoing issue he said his business has incurred with available parking for customers. His floral business is located on the Simmons Street side of the courthouse square in Elba.

According to Foley, the issue with parking is created by those who work long-hour shifts at businesses,

offices, etc. on the square and park their personal vehicles in the parking spots in front of the businesses on Simmons Street. This takes away parking for customers, he believes.

With that in mind, Foley asked the council to consider placed parking time limits on the parking spots in front of the businesses. He suggested 30 minute – 1 hour long parking limits.

The council did not take any action on Foley's parking request during Monday night's meeting.

Also, while addressing the council, Foley questioned the lack of personnel at the

Elba Police Department to assist due to the move of the dispatch services to New Brockton.

Prior to Foley addressing the council, it was announced that all dispatch services had been moved to the new central dispatch location in New Brockton as of Monday afternoon. With the move, the Elba Police Department no longer houses any dispatchers in its office as those services are provided through Coffee County's new central dispatch center.

The city has released the following statement regarding the dispatch move (a copy of this release has been placed on the front door of the Elba Police Department):

As of today, September 25, 2023, dispatch services are no longer housed in the Elba Police Department.

If you have an emergency, please call 911.

If you need administrative assistance during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) please call City Hall at 334-897-2333.

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Downtown Elba
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Area Happenings

The September 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center. All members are asked to bring a covered dish. Also, Chapter 99 maintains a help desk located at the New Brockton Town Hall. Hours of operation are 9 - 11 a.m. on Wednesday of each week. This is a free service to anyone desiring help with a VA claim. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

The Elba Splash Pad will close Monday, Oct. 9, for the off season.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

“No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good.” – C. L. Lewis

A formerly blond ‘little’ sister and her husband of many years celebrated another wedding anniversary recently but with a twist. They ordered some custom little cakes or maybe cupcakes from the bakery and rather than having a formal party with gifts, decorations, etc., they went up and down the street in their neighborhood giving them to longtime neighbors who cut their grass, look out for their house when they are away, and such. They were especially grateful not only for the loving neighbors but for life itself, as he had a couple of heart issues in the past and she spent months in hospital isolation and then rehab with COVID related issues. Sister is still limited (or maybe ‘playing’ on those issues to keep brother-in-law’s sympathy active) but seriously we think this was their best anniversary ever. Apparently their friends and neighbors were touched by their unique way of sharing the joyous event! Ten years ago she would not have thought of buying bakery items as long as her oven was working. Somehow she thought her cooking was better and decorating prettier than any store bought cooking. Her lingering physical limitations were not bad enough to keep her from riding several hours from South Georgia to Tennessee last weekend for her grandson’s wedding!

This week the New York Times had some positive words for humans facing what we consider a midlife crisis: “Mammals first appeared on earth about 250 million years ago. Scientists say we have another 250 million years ahead of us.” We surely hope our Social Security checks don’t run out during that time!

A federal government shutdown is fast becoming a reality with U. S. House (the Republican hardline section) opposing any-and-all budget compromises without drastic budget cuts that impact millions of Americans and many lawmakers say will destroy the economy. The leadership’s efforts to work out some compromise acceptable to a majority, even within the Republican Party, puts the spotlight on what we consider poor/or weak leadership. In short Congress is moving into crisis mode. In past federal budget-battle shutdowns many government functions continued and others managed to pay their employees AFTER a budget settlement has finally reached. That is the way the wind seems to be blowing at this writing. We repeat what many grumbled about in past shutdowns, “If they would freeze the lawmakers pay during these shutdowns, they would be far less likely to let it go that far”.

Three versions of a court-ordered revision of Alabama voting districts have been submitted to the Supreme Court for consideration. All three put Coffee County in District 1. This places the county in a district that stretches from the Georgia line westward to include varying amounts of Mobile County. One of the options (Number 3), takes in a larger area of the Wiregrass, including Henry County. Each of the maps have District 1 comprising somewhere around 50% Black citizens of voting age. At least one of the versions reportedly places two sitting U. S. Representatives in the same district.



The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program recognized students from across the county selected to participate in this year’s program during a reception held Monday night, Sept. 25, at the Coffee County Board of Education office in Elba. The high school juniors selected for this year’s CCYLP class represent all of the county’s high schools including Elba, Enterprise Christian Academy, Enterprise, High School, Kinston High School, New Brockton High School, and Zion Chapel High School. The students are pictured above at Monday night’s event. Inductees to the 2023-2024 CCYLP class were: Elba High School - Brooke Booker, Alyssa McFarland, Kalleigh Russell, Jacob Watkins, and Aubrey Wisecup; Enterprise Christian Academy – Kammie Adkins, Maggie Jo Kilty, and Jenna Remple; Enterprise High School – Rodolfo Gutierrez, Madison Haglund, Gwanuk Lee, Serenity Williams, and Tammy Zou; Kinston High School – Haiden Eaton, Tori Pettis, Molly Weeks, Laken White, Jorja Beth Wilson; New Brockton High School – Jacey Boland, Morgan Casey, and Megan Tindol; and Zion Chapel High School – Brodie Davis, Brady Flowers, Gracie Jinright, and Olivia Lee. Refreshments for Monday night’s event were presented by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

According to the City of Elba...

!! Coffee County Lake is closed until further notice. !!

Cuzin Lou Lou had to take the Week Off...She will Return with a new tale next week!

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BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCT. 30

The annual meeting of the membership of South Alabama Electric Cooperative will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the SAEC Office Complex, 13192 U.S. Hwy 231, Troy, Alabama.

A business session will review the financial status of the cooperative. No goody bags, entertainment, food or door prizes will be available.

SAEC members should have already received their meeting packet in the mail. If you still haven’t received your ballot, please contact SAEC at 334-566-2060.

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Review the candidate information and mark one choice for each district. Then, place your ballot in the mail. Allow plenty of time for your ballot to be received and counted. All mail-in ballots are due by noon on Oct. 30.

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Obituaries

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JAMES ARCHIE MOODY

Chief Master Sgt (Ret) James Archie Moody, age 86, died peacefully Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, in Bulverde, Texas.

James was born October 18, 1936 in Opp, Ala. He joined the United States Air Force with his brother, William, in 1955 serving until 1986. During his time in the Air Force, he received a Bachelor's degree from Troy University.

Following his retirement from the Air Force he joined the Postal Service, becoming a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He proudly served a total of 50 years for his country. He was a member of Shriners International, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and volunteered with the Honor Guard assisting with military funerals.

James' nephew, Dr. Scott Moody, officiated services at Hill Crest Memorial Park in Haughton, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 26. James will be laid to rest next to the greatest love of his life, his wife Linda.

James was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Linda Sue Moody; his parents, John D. Moody and Alice Adelia Kilpatrick Moody; and his siblings, Dorothy Frances McLean, Jonnie Morgan, K P Moody, Lorette Hubble, and Willie Darling Moody.

Survivors include his daughter: Cynthia Armstrong, Bulverde; three grandchildren: Ashley, Nicholas, and Macy; his sister: Burnice Avanel Lawford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

BERT BURRIL

Mr. Bert Burril, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Gene Nelson officiating. Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport,

Mississippi on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at 2 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert B. and Vertha Castello Burril, and a son, Arthur Burril.

Survivors include his wife: Norma Riley Burril, Elba; sons: Casey (Jenny) Burril, Elba, and Brian (Connie) Burril, Jackson, Miss.; and sister: Doris Shroud, Atlanta, Ga.

TERRY J.C. JOHNSON

Terry J.C. Johnson, age 66, of Andalusia, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Johnson family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kimberly Stewart.

Survivors include his daughters: Presley Stewart, Elba, and Lila Johnson, Kinston, Ala.; grandson: Brodie Hammett, Elba; granddaughters: Daisy Hammett, Elba, and Emberly Ziglar, Kinston; brothers: Joe Johnson and Donnie Johnson, and sister, Kathy (James) Smith, all of Waynesville, Ga.

TINA ANN BRYANT MAGWOOD

Ms. Tina Ann Bryant Magwood, age 50, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Tina was born in Elba on June 9, 1973, to the late James Harold Bryant and Cassie Ann Johnson Bryant (biological mother, Betty Jean Nalls).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, in the chapel of Pittman Funeral Home in Samson, Ala., with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial followed in the Elba City Cemetery with Pittman Funeral Home of Samson directing.

Tina was preceded in death by four brothers, Terry Bryant, David Richardson, Ricky Richardson, and Alan Richardson; and a sister, Lillie Ann Bryant.

Survivors include her son: Stephen Magwood, Enterprise; two daughters:

Veneecia Magwood, Elba, and Tanesha Johnson, Enterprise; five grandchildren: Lucas Magwood, Kyle Magwood, Serenity Ann Magwood, Braylen Hooten, and Aaniyah Hooten; three brothers: James Edward Bryant, Gary Bryant, both of Travelers Rest, S.C., and John Mason Richardson, Elba; and a sister, Pam Berry, Elba.

MARY YOUNG

Mrs. Mary Young, age 92, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, in the home of her youngest daughter and son-in-law in Montgomery, Texas.

Mary was married to Fred William Young, on July 14, 1951. The couple were happily married for 57 years before Fred died. Mary will be buried alongside Fred in Evergreen Cemetery in her hometown of Elba, Ala.

Mary graduated from Elba High School and then earned two additional degrees in education. She retired after a career in education for 39 years.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at Elba Church of Christ, beginning at 2 p.m., with Minister Timothy Gannells officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation will be held at Elba Church of Christ from 1-2 p.m. Sunday.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jimmy Cook, Harry Young, George Bryan, Ronnie Young, David Baker, Jerry Kirkland, Mark Vaughan, and Donald Lawford.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Camp Wiregrass, P.O. Box 311072 Enterprise, Alabama 36331.

Survivors include her

eldest daughter: Jennifer Hughes and her husband Jim, Millbrook, Ala., and Jennifer's two children, Christopher Brunson and his wife Samantha, Prattville, Ala., and Allison Mashburn and her husband Ashton, Montgomery, Ala.; her youngest daughter: Gina Talbott and her husband Steven, and their son Hayden Young Talbott, all of Montgomery, Texas; her only brother: Jack Padgett, and his wife Sylvia, Elba, and their son, Kyle Padgett, and his wife Anna, of Andalusia, Ala.

SERICIA EDDINS

Mrs. Sericia Eddins, age 57, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at her residence.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory in Enterprise, Ala., with Reverend Kenneth Hagler officiating.

Sericia was born June 28, 1966 in Troy, Ala., to the late Curtis and Edna Williams Flowers. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church in Enterprise and shared much love for her family at Wise Mill.

Survivors include her husband: Randy Eddins; children: Kim Bowden (Josh), and Curtis Rushing; sisters: Ann Jinright (Timmy), and Crickett Danley (Chris); two grandchildren: Ashton Hurt (Bailey), Belle Boswell; one great-grandchild: Skylar Hurt; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



Elba Chamber of Commerce director Sandy Williams is shown standing outside the front door of the new Chamber office, located at 345 Davis Street on the square in Elba. Williams invites all to stop by and see her!

Elba Chamber office in new downtown square location

The Elba Chamber of Commerce office recently moved into its new permanent location with the office located on the square in downtown Elba.

The office is located at 345 Davis Street in a portion of the old dime store building that has been renovated for the office space.

Elba Chamber of Commerce director Sandy Williams said she is extremely excited to be in the new office space. She said she feels the new location will be a great asset for Elba's Chamber as it will now be more visible to those who come through Elba making inquiries.

The new renovated space includes a sitting area in the front of the building. Going down the hallway is Williams' office, a board room for meetings, and then the bathroom and kitchen

Williams invites anyone interested in seeing the new office space for the Elba Chamber of Commerce to stop by and visit with her. The office is open each Monday - Friday.

In other news from the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the annual Pumpkins on the Square event is being planned. This year's event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. on the courthouse square.

As always, the event will include free candy for children in costume, live music, food trucks, a costume contest, bounce houses, a haunted hayride, and lots of other fun for the entire family.

For more information, call Williams at the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

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Grieving Alone: How to Help Someone Who's Mourning in Isolation

During the grieving process, it's only natural to seek some solitude. You may have moments or even days when you'd rather be alone with your reflections. That's fine and healthy, but of course, it's unhealthy to remain in isolation for too long. Ultimately, we all need to seek the support of others to help us endure the weight of grieving.

The question is, what can you do to help a friend or loved one who has completely withdrawn, choosing to grieve totally in isolation?

The best thing you can do is simply be present. The rule of thumb is, if your friendship was important before the death, it's not suddenly going to become a burden afterward. By all means, give your friend or loved one some privacy, but also make sure you're checking in regularly. Text, call, send notes, and be ready to show up with a hug or a shoulder to cry on as needed.

Something else you can do is be ready to listen. You don't have to know the right words, and in fact, it can often be best not to say anything at all beyond stressing your love, support, and friendship. Just lend an ear to your grieving friend or loved one and avoid cliches like "I know how you feel."

You might also look for opportunities where you can be helpful. As you call and text, ask if you can pick up the dry cleaning, bring a meal, or come help with the dishes.

It's important to give your grieving friend or loved one some space and not to be too pushy. At the same time, it's critical to stay in touch, monitor the situation, and not let them slip too deep into isolation.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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When asked after the meeting about Foley's concern of there no longer being any employee at the front of the police department to assist citizens, city clerk Sally Bane said Mr. Foley is correct in noting there is no one [secretary or dispatcher] in the office at this time due to the change with dispatch services; however, she said this might be something the city looks at in the future once the adjustments have been made to the new centralized dispatch service and the needs of the community.

Bane and Interim Police Chief Shayne Arnett both said, however, that the citi-

zens of Elba continue to be served by Elba Police 24 hours per day, and officers can be dispatched immediately from central dispatching to assist anyone in need. They said dispatching services have not changed other than being handled from a different location.

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming services set for Sunday, Oct. 1, at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, Ala., will hold its Homecoming services on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

The Old Southern Gospel Group will provide music beginning at 10 a.m., and

the Worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with Bro. Richard Collier providing the message. This service will be followed by dinner on the grounds.

The public is invited to this Homecoming celebration!

Newbia Baptist Church plans Sunday, Oct. 1, Homecoming

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, Ala., will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The music service will feature Derek Snellgrove while the morning's worship service message will be delivered by Rev. Elbert

Smith. A covered dish lunch will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

All are invited to attend this special service.



PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor
Elba First Baptist Church

A Message of Hope

Among those who are reading this, I would like to assume most if not all would agree that God's Word is not only true but relevant.

According to both Moses in Deuteronomy 8:3 and Jesus in Matthew 4:4 we are to live on or be nourished by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Still, I am sure there are times in your life, as in mine, when certain passages meet a specific need in your life, and you find yourself clinging to said verse(s) throughout the day in a new way.

Before continuing, I trust there is another thing we each have in common. We know a loved one that seems to be losing life's battle. I'm not talking about that individual who is walking with the Lord faithfully though their body seems to be failing them, nor the one who cannot seem to climb out of their financial hardships though their faith in Christ isn't shaken.

The loved one I'm speaking of is that person in your life that you pray for as often as you think of them because you know or suspect they are lost. Perhaps you know they have accepted Jesus as Lord, but their life reflects that of the prodigal son who satisfies self on the things of this world. Either way, your heart breaks for this individual, you pray for them often, you show them the love of Jesus, share concerning Jesus' love for them, but you've begun to question whether God will transform their life.

"For I hope in You, O Lord, You will answer, O Lord my God." Psalm 38:15 David outlined his suffering and heart ache in this Psalm, but in the middle of it, he proclaimed the hope he had in God.

I came across this passage on a day when I had received bad news about one for which my heart has been burdened. I've done all I know to do, and oh the prayers I've prayed. If you or I think we can change someone, we are hoping in yourself.

Even in the bad news, my hope has been restored because it is in the Lord. God hears my prayers, He answers when I cry out, and He best knows how to meet the needs of each situation.

Keep praying for your loved ones, and don't lose hope.

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

New Hope Sr Center looking for new participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more information, contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 334-282-2200



Scripture: The Way of Wisdom. Proverbs 9: 1-12

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Clarice Fitch, Single Parents, Rushie Culver, Vincent Smith, Devin Luckett, Larry Rogers, Wesley Kelley and Family, Tiffney R. Kelley, Shirley Coleman

Rocky Head Baptist Church will host Revival Services Oct. 7-11th.

Guest speaker on Oct. 7th [6 p.m.] and 11th [7 p.m.] will be Pastor Brian Brunson, New Beginnings Christian Church of Brantley, Ala. Guest speaker on Oct. 8th [6 p.m.], 9th and 10th [7 p.m.] will be Pastor Samuel Lowery, St. James Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala.

Teaching By Example

Whit Criswell was ready to commit suicide when Preacher Wayne B. Smith came to Whit's house. Whit owed \$380,000, which he had embezzled from his own bank. He had spent all the money, and more, on gambling. After a long discussion Wayne prayed. Before he left he told Whit, "If you need anything, call me; I'll always be your friend." Criswell went to the state prison for two years. "Wayne came to see me," Whit says. "When I was released to [a halfway house], Wayne came by to take me to a revival at the church. Afterward, he invited me to go eat with him and the guest speaker and the musical group."

After Whit was allowed to go home, Wayne kept dropping by. He asked

Whit to go places with him: hospital calling, a trustee's meeting at Wayne's alma mater, a sermon study group, and speaking engagements. Wayne also invited Whit to do volunteer work in the church, and he accepted. Before very long Wayne invited Whit to join the church staff.

Today, Whit Criswell is minister of his own church, which has grown from one hundred fifty to over seven hundred under his leadership.

Showing is always better than talking in the Christian life. Jesus wasn't "all talk". He showed us how to live. It's up to us to pass that example along. — R.H.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 10/28/23

Q: Isaiah foresaw a time when the Lord will wipe away _____

A: Tears [Isaiah 25:8]

Q: God will give the garment of _____ for the spirit of heaviness.

A: Praise [Isaiah 61:3]

Q: The wise man builds his own house on _____

A: Rocks [Matthew 7:24]

Questions for the Week of 10/5/23

Multiple Choice

Q: We are to do good to all when we have what? (enough rest, opportunity, money)

Q: How had the Galatians received Paul? (as a prophet, as a Rabbi, as an angel)

Q: The Lord is to be worshipped in the beauty of what? (holiness, awe, spirit)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
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Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
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CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister**
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor**
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor**
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Oversers . . . Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL**
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
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**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
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J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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CHURCH**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
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W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
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**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Dies, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT
CHURCH**
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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY
OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

**PRAISE & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Federal jury finds Starr brothers guilty in 2017 Coffee County murder-for-hire conspiracy case

A federal jury handed down guilty verdicts last week for two men charged in a 2017 Coffee County murder case.

Following a six-day trial, Jason Starr, age 50, of Coffee Springs, Ala., and Darin Starr, age 54, of Lakehills, Texas were found guilty for their roles in the murder-for-hire conspiracy that resulted in the death of Sara Starr on Nov. 27, 2017. The two men are brothers, and the victim was Jason Starr's former wife.

Evidence presented in the case showed that shortly after the Jason and Sara Starr divorce, from September 2017 to November 2017, Jason Starr sent money to his brother in Texas. Further cell phone records show that Darin Starr traveled from Texas to Coffee County, Alabama just before Thanksgiving in 2017, and was near the home of his brother's ex-wife on multiple occasions.

Evidence presented during the trial further

indicated that Darin Starr shot and killed his Sara Starr in her driveway as she was leaving for work on Nov. 27, 2017. She was an Enterprise school teacher.

He had turned his phone off around midnight Nov. 27th, but his phone was turned back on around 8 a.m. later that morning when he was on I-10 heading back to Texas.

In rendering the verdict last week, jury members indicated they believed the money sent by Jason Starr to his brother was payment for the murder.

A sentencing hearing for the Starr brothers will

be held in the coming months. Each will face a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

The murder and ultimate arrests were under the Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton administration, and last week's guilty verdicts bring closure to a case that many within the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, FBI, Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and ALEA have worked tirelessly since Ms. Starr's murder.

Officials said they are happy to finally bring justice to Sara Starr's family.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of BETTY R ROGERS a/k/a BETTY VIRGINA ROGERS Deceased CASE NO PC-2023-054

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration having been granted to Virginia Rogers Davis, as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty R. Rogers a/k/a Betty Virginia Rogers, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gypsy Morrow Smith Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative 119 E Three Notch Street Andalusia, Alabama 36420

(334) 222-8220 9-14/21/27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of EUNIE MAE NELSON, Deceased. CASE NO. PC 2023-058

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JANNIE LITTLE, as administrator of the estate of Eunie Mae Nelson, deceased were issued on the 5th day of September, 2023 by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw GRAY D BRADSHAW (BRA074) Attorney for Petitioner P. O. Box 311412 Enterprise, AL 36331-1412 (334) 393-6439/ (334) 393-7163 fax 9/14,21&28-pd

NOTICE I, Steven Albert Colclasure, will no longer be responsible for any bills other than those made by me personally.

9-28, 10-5,12,19-pd

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Jason Mena, Monterrey's, JM WIT, LLC, have made application of the City of Elba for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License on premises consumption at this location, **522 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, AL.** A public hearing will be held by the Elba City Council in the council chambers at Elba City Hall on Monday, October 9, 2023, 4:45 p.m.

9/14,21,28&10/5-chg.

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THE
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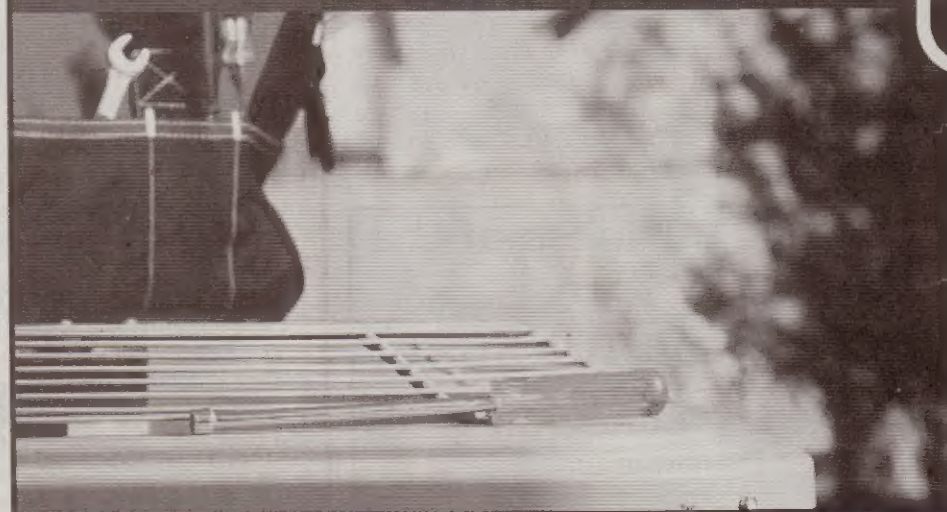
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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson spent a couple of hours with me the other night while his Mom was out of town at a volleyball match and when it was time to eat I suggested a cheeseburger from a popular eating establishment here in Elba. While he agreed the cheeseburger sounded good, he brought up the fact the restaurant also has ‘really good steaks.’ What’s a granddaddy to do? Of course, he had a cheeseburger, fries and a steak.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers had a couple of days off* from the grind of a long football season last week and while the Tigers didn’t play a game, they were on the practice field every day and stayed late as they prepared for their next six opponents. The next six games include such powerful teams as 3A Providence Christian as well as region powers Florala and Georgiana. So, the hard work was definitely needed as the Tigers work toward their goal of an historic season and a long run in the playoffs.

*** *The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team* doesn’t get a lot of ink, but the girls have been hard at work all season and last week wrapped up the runner-up spot in the region for the second straight year and improved their record to 6-2. This year’s varsity team has been together for three years and has learned the game well, and things look good for years to come as both the junior varsity and junior high team are enjoying winning seasons. Considering the fact most girls never even pick up a volleyball until they make the team, the success of the Lady Tigers is amazing!

*** *The high school football season* reached the midway mark last week and it was a week to forget for most of the teams in the area as Kinston fell just short of pulling off an upset over #10 Brantley, Zion Chapel was shutout at home by region foe Ariton and New Brockton fell hard at home to Houston Academy. Brantley was the only area team to hang up a win on the schedule as it improved to 3-2, with the three wins coming by a total of only 11 points. Here is a quick look back at the week that was....

*** Kinston battled for all four quarters* in a disappointing 30-28 region loss to Brantley, but the Bulldogs proved to themselves and their fans that they are much better than their 1-3 record may indicate and have to feel good about the rest of the season. The Bulldogs losses have come to the top three teams in the region, which means they are still very much alive for a playoff berth.

*** Zion Chapel expected a battle* with region foe Ariton, but not the result that happened as the Rebels fell 35-0 at home. The Rebels are improving every game and play hard every time they take the field, but in sports sometimes you are the hammer and other times you are the nail, and Friday night they got hammered.

*** New Brockton held its own early* in last week’s 40-12 region loss to Houston Academy, but in the end just didn’t have enough weapons to knock off the undefeated Raiders and slipped to 1-3 in region play. The Gamecocks have improved by leaps and bounds and have a new attitude, and before long the hard work will pay off.

*** Brantley is definitely in a rebuilding season*, but the Bulldogs still remember how to win and showed that again last week with their 30-28 road win over Kinston. The Bulldogs three wins have come by a total of 11 points,

and while that may not be an impressive stat to some, it shows to me that the Bulldogs know how to win and are still winners.

*** *Week five of the high school football season* is in the books and it was an interesting week for the fans all across the state. It was a high-scoring week with a total of thirteen teams scoring at least sixty points, led by Lexington, which hung up 77 points in a 77-6 win over Tharpton. On the other side of the ledger, Huffman was shutout by Shades Valley 44-0 and had now been outscored 259-0 in five games. As for records, Saraland has the state’s longest winning streak at 11 games after a 66-0 win over Robertsedale, while Columbia has the longest losing streak at 76 straight games after a 42-8 loss to Sardis. While the teams in the ‘Top 10’ in the sports writers’ poll had a pretty good week of action, there were many games that caught my eye. In **Class 1A**, #3 Pickens County was knocked off 21-20 by South Lamar, while elsewhere in the class Florala disposed of Pleasant Home 60-6, which has now been outscored 139-13 in region play; while Georgiana had to fight for its life in an 8-0 win over Houston County and McKenzie rolled over Red Level 40-19. In **Class 2A**, the only ranked team to lose was Vincent, which lost to top-ranked B.B. Comer 36-0, while closer to home Highland Home remained unbeaten and unchallenged in a 49-10 win over Horseshoe Bend, Luverne remained undefeated with a big 18-6 region road win over Lanett, Cottonwood stayed undefeated with a 47-0 win over winless Samson, Goshen kept its playoff hopes alive with a 34-0 region road win over LaFayette, G.W. Long blanked winless Geneva County 37-0 and Wicksburg picked up a much needed win with a 35-6 victory over Abbeville. In **Class 3A**, only one ranked team fell to defeat, while Straughn survived a trip to Houston County with a hard fought 17-13 win over Ashford, Northside Methodist scored late to stun Daleville 35-34 and Opp evened its region record at 2-2 with a surprising 22-13 win over Pike County. In **Class 4A**, #3 Central Clay pounded Handley 31-6 and #4 Jackson continued to open eyes with a 35-0 win over Bayside, while closer to home, top-ranked Andalusia buried Montgomery Academy 63-19 and has now outscored its victims 250-33, Catholic spanked Geneva 49-0 and has outscored its victims 217-18, B.T. Washington blasted Slocomb 46-6 and Bullock County dumped Dale County 31-14. In **Class 5A**, the biggest surprise to me was UMS-Wright falling to 2-3 on the season with a 31-9 loss to Vigor, while closer to home Charles Henderson bounced back with a 27-0 win over #9 Beauregard, Greenville won its first game of the season with a 33-0 victory over lowly Selma, and Carroll came back down to earth after last week’s upset over Charles Henderson in a 49-28 homefield loss to Navarre. In **Class 6A**, the big news came from the coast as #8 Theodore lost 8-3 to Spanish Fort, while in other action in the class top-ranked Saraland humbled Robertsedale 66-0, Lanier continued its farewell tour with a 31-0 win over hapless Park Crossing, and Pike Road outscored Eufaula 49-30. Up in the **Class 7A** ranks, Dothan set all kind of school records in a 66-0 waltz past Smiths, Station, which has now been outscored 268-30 in five losses; Enterprise celebrated homecoming with an easy 52-6 win over outmatched Rehobeth; and, Hoover fell to 1-4 on the season with a 28-7 loss to Hewitt-Trussville.

*** *It was a pretty good week for college fans* in the state as Alabama and Troy both win at home and Auburn lost on the road. * *The Crimson Tide defense* was the star of the game in its 24-10 win over Ole Miss, and even though it did allow the Rebels to convert on 3 of 4 fourth down plays, it kept Lane Kiffin’s high-scoring offense out of the endzone in the second half and the offense finally

found its way across the goal line. While it won’t go down as a signature win in the history of Alabama football, it was very much needed and hopefully will get the team headed in the right direction. * *The Tigers played hard* for all four quarters in a very hostile environment, and while they did struggle at times on both sides of the ball, they never backed down from the challenge and are without a doubt a much better team than a year ago, despite the 27-10 final score. True, it is hard to win when you pass for only 56 yards and allow 402 yards in total offense. However, it was still a game until the final Texas A & M score, and I believe it was just a lesson that should pay dividends down the road. * *Troy survived a four quarter struggle* to bounce back with a 27-24 win over Western Kentucky. Usually when a team rolls up 521 yards in offense and allows 288 the fans get to celebrate early and leave early. However, the Trojans lost three fumbles and were flagged seven times, not a stat the coaches will be proud of when they get back to work. Hey, a win is still a win, and the fans got their money’s worth.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* hit on 34 of his 39 picks last week and does appear to be hitting his stride at the midway point in the season. While I haven’t talked with the gridiron guesspert in two weeks, I know he is hunting a perfect week and maybe then he will drop back by and talk football. I have looked at this week’s fearless forecast, and while it looks sound, I don’t see a perfect week coming in week six. Here goes....

ELBA VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN
The Pea River felines will head over to the circle city Friday night with high hopes of chasing down a flock of birds that nest each night just off the four-lane. While this flock of birds has proven to be a worthy prey, the guess here is the felines will have the feathers flying and bring home another win.

ELBA 27 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 17

KINSTON VS. GOSHEN
The bulldogs from down near the county line will be back at home this week and will have to keep an eye on the pound unless they want to feed a flock of birds that are expected to arrive just before sunset. The dogs bark may chase a few away, but the guess here is that the birds will head home full after a big road win.

GOSHEN 35 KINSTON 7

ZION CHAPEL VS. PLEASANT HOME
The Rebels will be on maneuvers this weekend over in the woods of Covington County and will no doubt be carrying a case of bird shot just in case they get to do a little target practice. They need to bring a lot of ammunition, because the troops carrying guns should be bagging their limit in an easy win.

ZION CHAPEL 34 PLEASANT HOME 12

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME
The bulldogs from up above the creek will make the ride up Highway 331 this weekend and will be looking to stun the state with an upset win over one of the top 2A teams to be found. There is no doubt the dogs will bark loudly once they arrive at the launching pad. However, the roars of the engines when the squadron takes off will be too much and will mark another win.

HIGHLAND HOME 48 BRANTLEY 8

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Elba youth football teams move to 2-0 for regular season with wins

The Elba Parks and Recreation youth football teams all moved to 2-0 on the regular season last Saturday, Sept. 23, when the Elba teams hosted the youth teams from Skipperville at Elba’s Tiger Stadium. The Mini Mite teams opened the morning’s action with Elba winning 28-6. Next, the Elba Termites defeated the Skipperville Termites in a close one, 14-12. The Pee Wee game gave all fans plenty to cheer about as it was decided in overtime. It was the Elba Pee Wee team coming out on top 20-14. This Saturday, Sept. 30, the Elba Parks and Recreation will host Zion Chapel in youth football action. Games will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Tiger Stadium on the Elba Schools campus.

Tigers to test high-flying Eagles

The Elba Tigers will step out of the region wars Friday night when they travel to Dothan to meet the 3A Providence Christian Eagles.

The meeting will mark the fourth straight season the two teams have met, with the Tigers owning a slim 2-1 series edge, and having won last season 40-7.

Elba will enter the road contest ranked second in Class 1A with a 4-0 record and has outscored its opponents 174-29, while Providence Christian will carry a three-game winning streak into the clash and after a season opening 39-0 loss to Highland Home has posted wins over Ashford 21-0, New Brockton 38-14 and Opp 10-6.

“Providence has a very good football team on both sides of the ball, is very well coached and is loaded with experience all over the field,” stated Elba’s Coach Marc Sieving. “They got s roughed up a little in their season opener at Highland Home, but since then have outscored their next three opponents 69-20, and has really been a dominant team. Providence Christian could easily be the best team we have faced this season and we know we have a challenge ahead.”

“On offense they run a lot of motion and a lot of formations and try to catch you out of position and make you look at things that have nothing to do with the play,” added Sieving. “They are very disciplined, don’t make mistakes and are very good in what they do. Over on defense they are sound in all areas, play smart, play hard and know what they are doing on every play. Add that to the fact this is the fourth straight year we have played them, and they have had the same coaching staff for all four years, and it is easy to see they know what we do and will have a good game plan.”

“We need to dominate the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and play hard, and smart on every play,” said Sieving, in his fourth year at Elba. “Everyone knows we score a lot of points and can be explosive on offense, but it starts up front at the line of scrimmage and we definitely need to take charge at the line of scrimmage. We always have a few wrinkles we can use, but we have to do what we do to be successful and that is to run the football. Over on defense we can’t get out of position when they change formations and put people in motion. We will need to read our keys and be aggressive.”

When asked about having last week off, Coach Sieving stated, “I think it came at a good time. We had a few

players a little banged up and they were able to rest up a little, and we went out four days and worked hard. We had a lot of things to work on, and we think we had a good week of practice. We have to get better every day, either at practice or at the game, and we are always working to improve as a team.”

Non-region games highlight week #6

The high school football season will kick off the sixth week of the season this week with one game set for Thursday and two others set for Friday, with all area teams meeting non-region opponents.

Following is a preview of this week’s area games:

Thursday, Sept. 28
Brantley at Highland Home
The Brantley Bulldogs will make the short ride up Highway 331 on Thursday night when they challenge the undefeated 2A Highland Home Flying Squadron in the 79th renewal of the county rivalry.
Brantley owns a big 55-23 edge in the series, but lost last season 28-07 to snap a six-game winning streak over their cross-county rivals.
The Bulldogs will carry a 3-2 record into the non-region clash, while Highland Home will enter the game ranked #2 in Class 2A and boasts a 5-0 record with wins over Providence Christian 39-0, Ariton 35-7, Goshen 42-231, Lanett 40-14 and Horseshoe Bend 49-10.

Friday, Sept. 29
Goshen at Kinston
The Kinston Bulldogs will be back at home Friday night for a clash with the high-scoring 2A Goshen Eagles.
Goshen owns a slim 2-1 edge in the short series and last season the Eagles posted a lopsided 63-19 win.
The Bulldogs will enter the game with a 1-3 record and are coming off a disappointing 30-27 loss to Brantley, while Goshen will bring a 3-2 record I to the clash with wins over Daleville 49-22, Zion Chapel 35-7 and LaFayette 34-0, while losing to Highland Home 42-21 and Reeltown 43-18.

Zion Chapel at Pleasant Home
The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to continue their recent dominance when they travel to Covington County for a non-region battle against the Pleasant Home Eagles.
Zion Chapel leads the series 12-5, has won the last six meetings and last season posted a 28-19 victory.
The Rebels will carry a 2-3 record into the meeting and are coming off a 35-0 region loss to Ariton, while the Eagles will bring a 1-3 record into the clash with a win over A.L. Johnson 42-16 and losses to Red Level 25-0, McKenzie 54-7 and Florala 60-6.



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Brantley Bulldog Jon Harper Kilcrease (12) rushed for 58 yards and one touchdown and completed 17 of 21 passes for 276 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 30-27 region win over Kinston.

Elba JV wins 32-0 over Zion Chapel

The Elba Junior Varsity football team claimed a 32-0 win over the Zion Chapel Junior Varsity team Monday night, Sept. 25, at Tiger Stadium.
Elba will close out the JV football season next week with a home game. The Tigers will host Arton at Tiger Stadium on Monday, Oct. 2nd. The game is set to begin at 6 p.m.



New Brockton Gamecock Kaiden Sims (35) drags down a Raider runner for a short gain in last week's 40-12 region loss.



Zion Chapel Rebel Mason Stuart (11) prepares to throw one deep in last week's region loss to Arton. The Rebels will travel to Pleasant Home Friday night in non-region action.

Rebels clawed by 'Cats 35-0

From combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark
The Zion Chapel Rebels failed find their way to the endzone Friday night in a 35-0 region loss to the Arton Purple Cats, at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack.
Ian Senn was a one-man wrecking crew for the Purple Cats as he completed 10 of 14 passes for 109 yards and one touchdown, rushed for 89 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries, and also had six tackles on defense, including one tackle for a loss and an interception.
Ian Senn also crossed the goal line as he rushed for 31 yards and one touchdown on five carries, while Lawson Leger had five pass receptions for 55 yards and Miles Tyler pulled in two passes for 21 yards. Brody Joyce caught a touchdown pass as Arton rolled up 322 yards in total offense.

Brantley scores last in 30-27 win over Kinston

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Brantley Bulldogs and Kinston Bulldogs tied up in an old fashioned region dogfight Friday night in Kinston, and when the fur finally stopped flying it was the Brantley Bulldogs that had survived 30-27.
Brantley went 60 yards in eight plays on its first possession of the game to grab an early 6-0 lead, with the score coming on a fourth down 17-yard touchdown toss from Jon Harper Kilcrease to Daylan Davis.
Kinston pulled even at 6-6 with 8:54 left in the second quarter when the Bulldogs capped an 81-yard scoring drive with a 17-yard touchdown run by Brodie Walker, and then moved on top 13-6 with 1:07 remaining in the quarter after an 80-yard march that ended in the endzone after a 4-yard run by Brant McCollough and the extra-point by Marcus Free.
Brantley stunned Kinston and regained the lead at 14-13 with 6-seconds left in the half when Jon Harper Kilcrease hooked up with Daylan Davis, this time on a 57-yard touchdown pass, and the same duo hooked up on the two-point conversion as Brantley carried a 14-13 lead in at the half.
Kinston received the second half kickoff and regained the lead as the Bulldogs marched 71 yards in 11 plays to get back on the scoreboard. Brant McCollough scored his second touchdown of the game on a 9-yard run, and McCollough also ran in the two-point conversion as Kinston moved ahead 21-14 with 6:34 left in the third quarter.
Brantley answered on its ensuing possession on a nine-play, 41-yard scoring drive after a 20-yard kickoff return by Cooper Layton. Kilcrease capped the short scoring drive with a 5-yard fourth down run, while Romeo Pressley bulled over for the two-point conversion to put Brantley back on top 22-21 with 3:01 remaining in the quarter.

Kinston's Colby Tew brought the home fans back to their feet on the Bulldogs ensuing possession when he broke loose and raced 72 yards for a touchdown, and while a two-point conversion failed to produce points, Kinston was back on top 27-22 with 2:02 left in the third quarter.
Kinston's lead didn't last for long; however, as on Brantley's next play from scrimmage Jon harper Kilcrease dropped back and again spotted Daylan Davis behind the Kinston defense, and fired a strike to the speedy receiver that went for 61 yards and a touchdown. Pressley added the two-point conversion to put Brantley ahead 30-27 with 1:45 still left in the wild third quarter.
The teams failed to score in the final quarter, but Brantley used a 16 play drive to eat up almost eight minutes off the clock, and turned back a late Kinston threat at the Brantley 29-yardline to post the important region win.
Jon Harper Kilcrease rushed for 58 yards and one touchdown on nine carries and completed 17 of 21 passes for 276 yards and three touchdowns to spark the Brantley offense, with Daylan Davis catching nine passes for 202 yards and three touchdowns and Trey Pittman rushing for 50 yards on 13 carries.
Colby Tew rushed for 192 yards and one touchdown on 27 carries to lead Kinston, which rushed for a total of 317 yards in the game, while Brodie Walker added 99 yards

'Brockton bounced 40-12

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks kept it close for two quarters against the highly-ranked Houston Academy Raiders Friday night, but were outscored 19-0 in the second half as they slipped to 1-3 in region play with a 40-12 loss, at Gamecock Stadium.
Houston Academy received the opening kickoff and promptly went 62 yards in nine plays to grab an early lead. The score came on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Kady Mitchell to Rod Jackson, and Riggs Hicks added the extra-point as the Raiders went up 7-0 with 8:26 left in the first quarter.
New Brockton answered the early Raider score and marched 80 yards in six plays on its initial possession to cut into the lead. The Gamecock score came on a 28-yard pass from Dawson Peacock to Baylon Foster, and while the extra-point was blocked, New Brockton had pulled within 7-6 with 4:36 left in the quarter.
Houston Academy continued to move the ball on offense on its ensuing possession and went 92 yards in nine plays to extend its advantage. Brady Whigham capped the long scoring drive on a 5-yard run, and the extra-point was true as the Raiders upped their lead to 14-6 with 26-seconds remaining in the first quarter.
William Hughes scored the next Raider touchdown on a 6-yard run as the Raiders upped their lead to 21-6, but the Gamecocks refused to throw in the towel and got right back in the game on the ensuing possession when Dawson Peacock hooked up with Yassiah Rousseau from 25 yards out for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but at the half Houston Academy owned a slim 21-12 lead.
Houston Academy put two points on the scoreboard early in the second half when a snap sailed high on a Gamecock punt attempt to push the Raiders lead to 23-12, and the Raiders took the ensuing free kick and went 63 yards in four plays to regain command. The Houston Academy score came on a 27-yard pass from Kady Mitchell to Rod Jackson, and the extra-point was again true to push the Raiders lead to 30-12 with 9:20 remaining in the quarter.
A 10-yard scoring dash by Brady Whigham midway through the quarter helped the Raiders up their lead to 37-12, and Riggs Hickey added a 23-yard field goal with seconds left in the quarter a Houston Academy put the finishing touches on the big 40-12 region win.
Dawson Peacock completed 12 of 20 passes for 183 yards and two touchdowns to lead New Brockton, with Anthony Silar pulling in 3 catches for 75 yards, Baylon Foster pulling in 2 passes for 44 yards and one td, Yassiah Rousseau pulling in one pass from 28 yards and one td, and Kenyon Kilow pulling in 5 catches for 36 yards. Rousseau led the Gamecocks on the ground with 74 yard on 16 carries.
The Gamecock defense was led by Bryant Crumpler with 11 tackles, while Blake Peterson had 8 stops and Jared Petitt added 5 stops and one sack.



Kinston Bulldog Brant McCollough (12) looks for a receiver in reent action. The Bulldogs rushed for 317 yards last week in a 30-27 region loss to Brantley, and this week will host Goshen in non-region play.



Kinston Jr High Volleyball

SITTING: Emory Kinsaul, Madisyn Jones. KNEELING: MaKayla Bond, Gracie Brown, Kylee Jenkins, Adalyn Whigham, Maggie Johnson STANDING: Trinity Camley, Emma Kate Marler, Coach Suzanne Elmore, Karlee Wallace, Coach Tiffany Johnson, Madi Phillips, and Justi Creech. The Lady Bulldogs closed the season last week with a 7-3 record.

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VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE	
Thursday, Sept. 28	Tuesday, Oct. 3
Tri-Match, at Elba	Kinston at Elba
Dale County vs. Samson	Zion Chapel at Highland
Elba vs. Dale County	Home
Elba vs. Samson	Pike Lib at Brantley
New Brockton at Straughn	
Pike Lib at Zion Chapel	Thursday, Oct. 5
	Elba at Red Level
Saturday, Sept. 30	Floral at Kinston
Dothan Tournament	Opp at New Brockton
	Goshen at Zion Chapel
Monday, Oct. 2	Straughn at Brantley
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Brantley at Opp	

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The students at Kinston High School have elected their 2023 Homecoming Court. Shown left to right is Adalyn Wise, freshman attendant; Laken White, junior attendant; Aubrie Brown, senior attendant; Madison Lolley, 2023 Homecoming Queen; Baylee Smith, senior attendant, and Lilli Sumblin, Sophomore attendant. Homecoming activities at Kinston will commence with the parade Friday, Sept. 29, at 2:15 p.m. The queen and her court will be presented at halftime during the homecoming game against Goshen. Kick-off will be at 7:00.

Derrick Allen promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

Major Derrick Allen was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel during a ceremony held July 7th at the Fort Story base chapel in Virginia Beach, Virginia. His new rank was presented and pinned on his uniform by his wife, Latia Allen, and his mother, Icylean Jackson. Colonel Brian K. Saulsberry, J4, Joint Task Force – Civilian Support, presided over the ceremony. LTC Derrick Allen is currently the Executive Officer 3rd Battalion, Army Reserves Careers Group, Fort Story, Virginia. LTC Allen followed in his late father, Andrew Allen's footsteps and joined the Army. He was also encouraged to become an officer by his stepfather, Edward Jackson, who passed away in 2015. "My dad impressed hard work, dependability, and sacrifice on me, and I wish he were present to see



LTC Derrick Allen (center) with his wife Latia Allen and his mother Icylean Jackson.

my accomplishment," said Allen. Originally from Enterprise, Ala., Derrick was a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School. While still attending high school, he enlisted in the Army in December 1988. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Adjutant General Corps while stationed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. LTC Allen received his MBA from Liberty

University and is credentialed as a PHR and SHRM human resource professional. He has received several accolades and awards during his Army career including the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Staff Badge. Derrick has been married to his wife for over 18 years and they reside in Virginia Beach. They have two daughters - Benni and

Elba's Class of 1978 planning 45th Class Reunion for October

The Elba High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 45th class reunion during Homecoming festivities at Elba High School October 27-28, 2023. Several local classmates are planning the activities for the weekend celebration. Help is needed to find classmates and friends of the class of 1978. Extra efforts are being

made to include those who did not actually graduate with the class but who attended Elba High School during this time. If you can help us to locate any of our classmates please contact Gypsy Morrow Smith (334-222-8220-days only), Melanie Rainer Bledsoe (334-300-8482), or Lynn Hudson Baker (334-301-6594).

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ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS LUNCHEON PILOT CLUB...Alabama District Governor Karene Henson (left) visited the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise bringing greetings from the Alabama District Administrative Council. She was introduced and welcomed by Luncheon Pilot Club President Debbie Shelton (right). Henson touched on the history of Pilot International, which was founded in Macon, Georgia in 1921 and has been dedicated to service since that date. Originally designed as a volunteer service organization for business and professional women, Pilot International has since expanded to include men and women from around the globe and from all walks of life. Henson spoke about the Alabama District Fall Meeting, which is being held September 22-24, 2023, at Lake Guntersville State Park, Guntersville, Ala. There will be three days of learning about Pilot, re-connecting with Pilots from over the state, fun and food. For information about joining this organization, contact LPCE Membership Director Gina Oates at 334-347-5509 or ginaoates686@outlook.com.

Alabama Democratic Party announces its qualifying for Primary

The Alabama Democratic Party announces that candidate qualifying for the March 5, 2024 Democratic Primary will open Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. This is for all state, presidential, and delegate positions.

This means that county parties may open 2024 candidate qualifying for county offices on that same day or thereafter, but not before.

Candidate qualifying for all ballot positions – federal, state, and county – ends Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. While candidates for many offices on the ballot (president, congress, state supreme court, state school board, etc.) qualify with the state party, there are important county offices for which candidates qualify with the county party. Key county offices that may be on the ballot include circuit court clerk, probate judge, county commission, county license commissioner, and county school board.

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